



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/581,817	05/14/2007	Markus Hoffmeister	10191/4451	7185
26646	7590	05/15/2008	EXAMINER	
KENYON & KENYON LLP ONE BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10004			DUONG, DIEU HIEN	
ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER			
			2821	

MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE
05/15/2008	PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/581,817	Applicant(s) HOFFMEISTER ET AL.
	Examiner DIEU HIEN T. DUONG	Art Unit 2821

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 03 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If no period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED. (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2008.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 11-20 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 11-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 02 June 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-166/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 03/07/2008

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is a response to applicant's amendment filed 02/11/2008. In virtue of this amendment, claims 1-10 are canceled; thus, claims 11-20 are currently in the instant application. The arguments advanced therein are persuasive with respect to the rejections of record, and those rejections are accordingly withdrawn. In view of a further search, however, a new rejection is set forth below. This action is **not** made final.

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 03/07/2008 in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is considered by the examiner.

If applicant is aware of any prior art or any other co-pending application not already of record, he/she is reminded of his/her duty under 37 CFR 1.97 to disclose the same.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

In page 1 of specification, after the title, the paragraph - -This application is a 371 of PCT/EP04/52504 filed 10/12/2004- - should be inserted.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

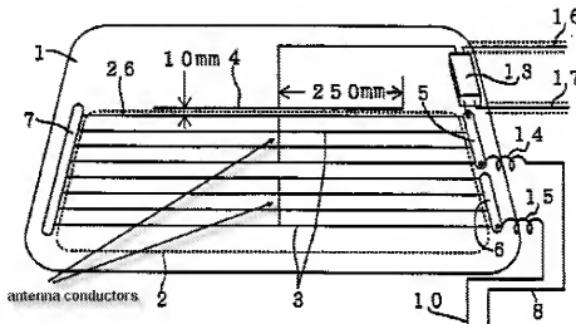
4. Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Murakami et al. (US 5,334,988), hereinafter "Murakami".

Regarding claim 11, Murakami discloses, in Figure 4 and col. 3, lines 10-17, a window-integrated antenna for a vehicle, comprising a heating conductor field (3), which is provided for FM reception and LMS reception; and at least one decoupling element (4) for the FM reception which has a high-frequency, low-resistance, and non-galvanic connection to the heating conductor field (3).

Regarding claim 12, as applied to claim 11, Murakami discloses, in Figure 4 and col. 3, lines 10-17, wherein the decoupling element (4) for the FM reception includes at least one conductor (4) situated essentially parallel to at least one boundary of the heating conductor field (3) which is not formed by a busbar (7) for the heating conductor field (3).

Regarding claim 13, as applied to claim 11, Murakami discloses, in Figure 4, wherein at least one of a length and a position of the decoupling element (4) is arranged so that a resonant impedance behavior occurs in the FM frequency range at a connection end of the decoupling element.

Regarding claim 14, as applied to claim 11, Murakami discloses, in Figure 4, wherein antenna conductors are situated in the heating conductor field essentially perpendicular to heating conductors of the heating conductor field and are galvanically linked to the heating conductors (3).

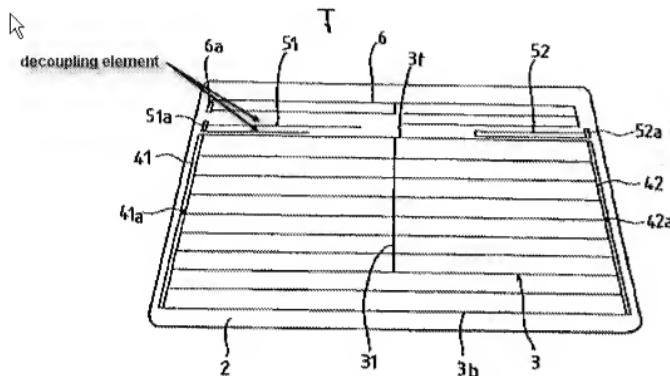


Regarding claim 15, as applied to claim 14, Murakami discloses, in Figure 4, wherein at least one of a length and a position of the antenna conductors is arranged so that a resonance behavior of the window-integrated antenna occurs at a connections end of the decoupling element in the FM range.

5. Claim 11 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oka (US 2004/0056810 A1).

Regarding claim 11, Oka discloses, in Figure 1 and par. [0033], a window-integrated antenna for a vehicle, comprising a heating conductor field (51), which is provided for FM reception and LMS reception; and at least one decoupling element (51) for the FM reception which has a high-frequency, low-resistance, and non-galvanic connection to the heating conductor field (3).

Regarding claim 16, as applied to claim 11, Oka discloses, in Figure 12, further comprising at least one further decoupling element (51) for a different frequency range.



Regarding claim 17, as applied to claim 16, Oka discloses, in Figure 12, wherein the decoupling element (51) for the FM reception and the at least one further decoupling element are galvanically connected at their connection ends.

Regarding claim 18, as applied to claim 11, Oka disclose, in Figure 1 and paragraph [0050], wherein the at least one decoupling element for the FM reception and further decoupling elements for the other frequency ranges are connected to a diversity switching device.

Regarding claim 19, as applied to claim 11, Oka disclose, in Figure 1, wherein a plurality of decoupling elements (51) including the decoupling element for the LMS reception are connected to a shared module carrier (7).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami et al. (US 5,334,988), hereinafter “Murakami” in view of Endo (US 6,201,506 B1).

Regarding claim 20, Murakami discloses every feature of claimed invention as expressly recited in claim 11, except for a filter element being provided in a heating current circuit.

Endo discloses, in Figure 1, a filter element (12) being provided in a heating current circuit.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art as the time the invention was made to include the filter circuit being provided in the heating current circuit of Endo in the window-integrated antenna of Murakami to achieve the claimed invention, doing so would reduce the high frequency noise (col. 3, lines 36-42).

Inquiry

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIEU HIEN T. DUONG whose telephone number is (571)272-8980. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, from 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Douglas W. Owens can be reached on 571-272-1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

05/12/08
DD
Au 2821

/Trinh Vo Dinh/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2821